

Sacramento Report

Readers Asked for Opinions on How to Spend Tidelands Funds

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Impounded Tidelands Fund

You probably know that there is more than \$60,000,000 in the impounded tideland fund, that this money formerly would have gone to the Federal government and will eventually go to the State of California, together with other tideland oil revenues as they are paid by the oil producers.

Under the present California law (Section 6816, Public Resources Code), 30 per cent of the funds received from commercial oil leases is deposited in the General Fund of the State, 45.2 per cent is deposited in the State Park Fund and 25 1/3 per cent in the State Beach Fund.

The State Park Commission, early in 1953, announced a plan calling for a five-year program of expansion, development and maintenance of the beach and park system at an estimated cost of \$64,000,000 to be paid for 70 per cent of impounded tideland oil money, plus \$7,000,000 per year estimated future revenue (70 per cent of total) from tideland oil revenues.

Future Policy

Many proposals have been made and others will be brought forth for special projects to be

financed from tideland oil revenues. It is desirable to establish policies in advance which would tend to control the distribution of this money, hence I earnestly request the written opinions of my readers on this subject. Here are specific questions which I hope you will answer in writing and mail to me at Post Office Box 777, Ingleside 1:

1. Do you believe that the Beach and Park program should be expanded in an orderly manner with the cost borne by special or earmarked funds, that is, State Beach Fund, or State Park Fund supplied from impounded funds or future royalty income?
2. Do you believe that the best economic policy is to place the impounded tideland oil money into the State General Fund and require beach and park appropriations to be treated like all other appropriations for public works?
3. Do you suggest some expenditure other than beaches and parks to be made from the tideland oil money, such as counteracting salt water intrusion, or building small-boat harbors? If you have more than one suggestion, please in-

dicates the order of importance.

4. If there should be a deficit in the State General Fund for the 1955-56 period, people think that additional taxes must be raised, how would this affect your thinking on the above questions? In other words, would you rather have the tideland oil money go into

the General Fund and be used to avoid the necessity of increasing existing taxes, or would you insist that it be used for beaches, parks, harbors, etc., even though this meant an increase of existing taxes or the creation of new taxes? The Tideland Committee in the 1953 Regular Session of the California Legislature, I

was voted for the creation of the Joint-Legislative Committee on Impounded Funds from Tide and Submerged Lands, commonly called the "Tideland Committee". The Chairman is the Honorable Stanley T. Tomlinson, Member of the Assembly, 38th District, 908 State Street, Santa Barbara, California. This is a "Joint" Committee because it consists of Members of both

houses of the Legislature. Senator Charles Brown, Shoshone, California, is Vice Chairman; Senator Ben Hulse, El Centro, California; and Senator Harry L. Parkman, Woodside, California, are the Senatorial members. The Honorable Bruce F. Allen, Member of the Assembly from San Jose; and the Honorable William A. Mumell, Member of the Assembly from

Montebello, are the other members.

Boat Harbors Affected

If you answer Question No. three, above, by saying that you think a certain proportion of the tideland oil revenue should be set aside for boat harbors, then which harbor should get the highest priority? In my opinion, the harbor at Playa del Rey is already past the planning stage,

Federal, State, County and Los Angeles City money can be poured into its development without much argument. It may take from three to five years to complete the harbor, but I do believe it will be built.

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Line up the players as for pole vaulting. At the start of the game lay the horizontal bar across the top nails. This may be almost a yard high.

While the players are limbering up to jump over the bar without dislodging it, announce that the game is to go under the bar, not over it. This means each player must get down and crawl beneath it. That's easy, of course, when there is three feet of space; each player will be able to go under the bar without dislodging it, for which he wins 10 points.

However, the bar is now lowered to the next nail. Again the players take turns crawling beneath it without knocking it down. Each one who succeeds wins 10 more points.

All will go well until the bar has been lowered to the last two or three nails, allowing very little space for crawling. The slim kids may be able to do it and the pudgy ones may knock the bar down.

At any rate, it becomes great fun as the bar goes lower and lower to see whether those still in the game can make it. The player with the highest score is the winner.

The White Family

Judy: "Who was Snow White's brother?"
Jimmy: "I give up. Who was?"
Judy: "Egg white. Get the yoke?"
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